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REFERENCES (A) STATE 072126

(B) USOECD 11533

(C) USOECD 11532

1. SUMMARY. OECD HEADSDEL MAY 2 REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON DRAFT MINISTERIAL AGENDA SUGGESTED BY SEC GEN VAN LENNEP
(REF B). END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 2 OECD HEADSDEL REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON DRAFT FOR JUNE 6-8 MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AS SUGGESTED BY SEC GEN VAN LENNEP (REF B), KEEPING OPEN POSSIBILITY OF MODIFICATION IF NECESSARY IN LIGHT DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND MINISTERIAL MEETING. ONLY CHANGES MADE IN DRAFT ADDITION OF WORD " INTERIM" TO PRECEDE WORD " ORAL" IN SECOND SENTENCE ITEM 1 (B), AND REVERSAL OF ORDER OF ITEMS 2(A) AND (B). LATTER CHANGE SUGGESTED BY NORWEGIAN DEL FOR PRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES AND, IMPLICITLY, TO MAKE AT LEAST PARTIAL RESPONSE TO SPANISH, GREEK, AND TURKISH DELS WHO REQUESTED THAT SUB- ITEM ON POLICIES FOR COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BE INCLUDED UNDER ITEM 1 AS " AN ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUE".

3. RE ITEM 1, ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES, US AND FRENCH DELS REITERATED THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT CONTRIBUTION XCCS CHAIRMAN' S REPORT COULD MAKE TO MINISTERIAL. UK DEL WAS ABLE TO ACCEPT REFERENCE TO XCCS REPORT UNDER ITEM 1 (B), BUT PROPOSED THAT INSTEAD OF ORAL REPORT, CHAIRMAN SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT WHICH COULD BE CLEARED BY XCCS PARTICIPANTS BEFORE MINISTERIAL. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD AVOID NEED FOR ONE DAY XCSS MEETING BEFORE MINISTERIAL. IN RESPONDING TO THIS SUGGESTION, VAN LENNEP REFERRED TO CONTRACTS HE HAD WITH XCSS CHAIRMAN JOLLES WHO FORESAW FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS OF JUNE 5 XCSS MEETING:
(A) PARTICIPANTS COULD HAVE USEFUL EXCHANGE OF
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VIEWS ON PLANS AND PREARATIONS FOR JULY 5-6 XCSS;
(B) JOLLES WOULD GIVE GENERAL OUTLINE OF ORAL REPORT HE WOULD MAKE TO MINISTEIAL COUNCIL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT COMMENTS AND SUGGESTION MADE BY OTHER XCSS PARTICIPANTS. JOLLES WOULD STRONGLY PREFER TO AVOID A WRITTEN REPORT. CLEARANCE OF WHICH WOULD BE UNDULY TIME- CONSUMING;

(C) JUNE 5 XCSS MEETING WOULD ALSO GIVE PARTICIPANTS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON WAY XCSS HAD EVOLVED TO DATE AND HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE WORK ORGANIZED IN FUTURE. SUCH SCENARIO WOULD REDUCE AMOUNT OF TIME MINISTERS WOULD NEED TO SPEND SPEAKING ABOUT XCSS PER SE AND ITS WORK PROGRAM AND THEREBY INCREASE TIME FOR USEFUL DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUES. EC DEL SAID JUNE 5 XCSS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. UK DEL'S PROPOSAL FOR WRITTEN REPORT BY XCSS CHAIRMAN RECEIVED NO SUPPORT, THOUGH FRENCH DEL SAID HE WAS OPEN- MINDED TO BRITISH PROPOSAL AND HE WAS STILL WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS.

4. US REP SAID THAT DRAFT AGENDA LOOKED GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, HE SUGGESTED REVERSING ORDER OF ITEMS 1 (A) AND (B). US THOUGHT BOTH SUB- ITEMS WERE VERY IMPORTANT. US WOULD ITSELF PROBABLY PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ITEM 1 (B). " INTERNATIONAL MONETARY, TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND RELATED ISSUES.

5. IN PART REFLECTING RESULTS OF RECENT PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSION, VAN LENNEP SAID UNDER ITEM 1 (B), MINISTERS COULD RECONFIRM POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING COOPERATION ON MONETARY, TRADE, INVESTMENT, AND RELATED ISSUES; EMPHASIZE NEED FOR ADEQUATE AND FLEXIBLE MANDATES IN DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON THESE ITEMS; REAFFIRM IMPORTANCE OF OECD WORK ON INVESTMENT AND MNCS, AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR DESIRED REFORMS. SECGEN ADDED THAT OUTSIDE WORLD WILL EXPECT MINISTERS TO EXPRESS THEIR DETERMINATION TO WORK TOGETHER, NOT JUST IN OECD BUT ALSO IN OTHER ORGANS.

6. UK DEL LIFTED RESERVE ON INCLUSION OF ENERGY ITEM ON AGENDA WITH THREE CONDITIONS: A) DOC PREPARED FOR MINISTERS BE LIMITED TO SHORT UNCONTROVERSIAL PROGRESS REPORT ON ENERGY STUDY; B) AIM OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ENERGY SITUATION; AND C) MINISTERS AVOID ASPECIFIC DETAILED PROPOSALS IN ENERGY FIELD BEFORE THEY HAD BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH OIL COMMITTEE AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE OECD BODIES. (UK DEL TOLD ME PRIVATELY LONDON WISHES MINISTERS TO AVOID DISCUSSING, E. G., OIL CONSUMERS' CARTEL OR OECD- OPEC RELATIONS.) OTHER SPEAKERS' VIEWS WERE SIMILAR TO UK'S, WITH US REP STRESSING NEED FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION EMPHASIZING COOPERATION. EC DEL NOTED DESIRABILITY OF DISCUSSING ENERGY SUPPLIES OTHER THAN OIL AND IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH. VAN LENNEP INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH FOREGOING, THOUGH HE FELT IT SHOULD NOT EXCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE OECD WORK ON ENERGY INCLUDING WORK

AFTER FIRST STAGE OF ENERGY STUDY. HE ADDED THAT
SECRETARIAT NOTE ON ENERGY WOULD BE DISCUSSED BY EXCOMM.
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